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Honorable Robert C. Byrd
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Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Byrd:

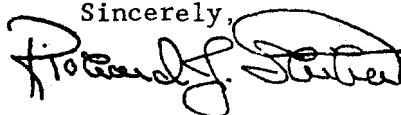
This is in reply to your letter of March 3, 1993, in which you inquired on behalf of your constituent, William Hosfelt, regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235, 57 FR 54034 (1992). This Notice proposes comprehensive changes to the Commission's Rules governing the private land mobile radio services operating in the frequency bands below 512 MHz.

Your constituent is specifically concerned about the impact of these changes on radio control (R/C) hobby users. Enclosed is a discussion paper concerning our proposals for the 72-76 MHz band. In short, we expect there would be no adverse impact on R/C operations because of any proposal contained in the Notice.

We are, of course, sensitive to the concerns of both users of private land mobile radio spectrum and R/C hobbyists. We will, therefore, take your constituent's concerns into account when we develop final rules in this proceeding. As indicated in the Notice, we remain convinced that without significant regulatory change in radio operations in the bands below 512 MHz, the quality of communications in the private land mobile radio services will continue to deteriorate to the point of endangering public safety and the national economy.

We want to thank you for your interest in this proceeding. Your constituent's letter will be included in the record of the proceeding. We expect final rules to be issued in 1994.

Sincerely,



Richard J. Shiben
Chief, Land Mobile & Microwave Division
Private Radio Bureau

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March 3, 1993

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Dear Sir/Madam:

The enclosed communication is respectfully referred for your consideration, since it appears to be a matter that falls within your jurisdiction.

I would appreciate your looking into this matter and providing me with comments that might serve as the basis for a reply to my correspondent.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Robert C. Byrd
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Senator Robert C. Byrd
311 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

January 29, 1993

Dear Senator Byrd:

I am an active member of The Hill Hoppers Flying Club of Wheeling, WV and have for many years enjoyed the hobby of model airplanes, helicopters, cars and boats. I personally own a variety of radio controlled (R/C) models, radios and a workshop full of other products necessary to the operation of my models.

I am very concerned about the proposed rule that is currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted the new rule will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for R/C model use and increase the risks of accidents and attendant liability.

Our radio-control frequencies are in the 72-76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio-control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering with the other.

The Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) in PR Docket 92-235 replaces Part 90 of the rule with a new Part 88. Part 90 allows for safe use of R/C aircraft and surface models by keeping 10 KHz spacing between fixed commercial users and frequencies used by R/C enthusiasts. The new Part 88 will allow mobile users on frequencies within 2.5 KHz of frequencies available to us, eliminating safe use of at least 21 of